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Project Title: Point Thomson

Lead Federal Agency: COE

Responsible Person: (1) State Lead: Sara Longan, (2) DEC Lead: Gary Mendivil, (3) Lori Aldridge, (4) EPA Lead: Gayle Martin (404)

ExxonMobil proposal to produce oil, gas and hydrocarbon condensate from the Point Thomson Sand Reservoir and delineate other hydrocarbon resources in the Point Thomson area.	<p>FEIS issued Aug 2012. COE issued ROD and 404 permit on October 26, 2012.</p> <p>Project construction is ongoing. The permanent fuel storage tanks have been installed. The airstrip is fully operational.</p> <p>The ice road from Endicott to Point Thomson has been constructed and installation of the export pipeline will begin soon.</p>		<p>State permit and compliance meetings are held weekly</p> <p>OPMP Coordinating State agency inspections and on-site visits</p>
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Project Title: National Petroleum Reserve – Alaska (NPR-A) IAP/EIS

Lead Federal Agency: BLM

Responsible Person: **(1)** State Lead: Sara Longan, **(2)** DEC Lead: Gary Mendivil, **(3)** Lori Aldridge (SW), **(4)** EPA Lead: Jennifer Curtis (NEPA), **(5)** Corps Lead: Mike Holley

<p>The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has finished the NEPA process for an Integrated Activity Plan (IAP).</p> <p>Salazar memo to BLM issued 12/19/12, noted ROD would specify that pipelines from offshore leases would not be prohibited by IAP, prompted outreach with NS communities prior to ROD issuance.</p>	<p>Preferred Alternative announced 8/9/12.</p> <p>FEIS issued 12/19/12.</p> <p>ROD issued 2/21/13.</p>	<p>ROD notes creation of NPR-A working group that includes NS communities but excludes other permitting agencies (state and federal) other than on an as needed basis.</p> <p>EPA is participating in the NPR-A Working Group meetings.</p>	<p>State to participate on NPR-A Working Group as an ex-officio member.</p> <p>The NPR-A Working Group meets in Fairbanks on February 27.</p>
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Project Title: Alaska LNG Project

Lead Federal Agency: FERC

Responsible Person: **(1)** DEC Lead: Gary Mendivil, **(2)** Tim Spires (SW), **(3)** DNR Lead: Jodi Delgado-Plikat (SPCO), **(4)** EPA Lead: Mark Jen (PM/NEPA), **(5)** Gayle Martin (404), **(6)** Corps Lead: Mike Holley

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) is drafting an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a project proposed by TransCanada / ExxonMobil that would connect Alaska's vast natural gas resources with new markets. Deadline for FERC Certificate of Public Necessity and Convenience has been postponed for two years. The deadline for the EIS is 18 months later.	A new agreement has been negotiated between industry and the Parnell Administration, subject to amendment by the Alaska Legislature.		<p>The project scope has been amended to address a proposal for terminating the pipeline in Alaska and export LNG from Alaska.</p> <p>A pipeline termination site has been identified in Nikiski and air quality modeling discussions for a liquefaction plant have begun.</p> <p>Alaska LNG has discussed pollutant and meteorological monitoring plans with DEC Air Quality staff.</p>
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Project Title: Alaska Stand Alone Pipeline (ASAP) Project

Lead Federal Agency: COE

Responsible Person: **(1)** DEC Lead: Gary Mendivil, **(2)** DNR Lead: Jodi Delgado-Plikat (SPCO), **(3)** EPA Lead: Mark Jen (PM/NEPA), **(4)** Gayle Martin (404), **(5)** Corps Lead: Mary Romero

<p>The proposed project would construct a 24-inch diameter, high pressure natural gas pipeline from the North Slope to Cook Inlet.</p> <p>The Alaska District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE) has been designated the lead federal agency and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), National Park Service (NPS), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Department of Natural Resources (ADNR) are participating as Cooperating Agencies in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process.</p>	<p>The Final EIS has been released but a ROD was not released.</p> <p>Field work is planned for the summer of 2014 and there are discussions of a supplemental EIS.</p>		<p>This project has received substantial funding from the Alaska legislature and is drafting a scope of work for field survey work in support of a 404 permit.</p>
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Project Title: Susitna-Watana Hydroelectric Project

Lead Federal Agency: FERC

Responsible Person: (1) State Lead: Marie Steele, (2) DEC Lead: William Ashton, (3) ADFG Lead: Joe Klein (4) NMFS Lead: Susan Walker (Mandatory Conditioning Agency) (5) USFWS Lead: Catherine Berg (Mandatory Conditioning Agency) (6) EPA Lead: Matt LaCroix (404), (7) Jennifer Curtis (PM/NEPA) (8) Corps Lead: Jason Berkner

<p>The Susitna-Watana Hydro Dam installed capacity would be 600 MW with the average annual generation determined to be 2600 GWhrs (HDR 2009). The reservoir would be 42 miles long and a maximum of 2 miles wide. Current dam height anticipated to be 735'. The project proponent is Alaska Energy Authority (AEA) and OPMP is coordinating state agency involvement. Governor Sean Parnell has publicly endorsed the project.</p> <p>http://susitna-watanahydro.org/Description.html.</p>	<p>Due to impacts of Governor's FY15 budget, proponent asked for an extension on filing the Initial Study Report (ISR), which details the results of the first season of study and plans for the second season. FERC granted the delayed filing and added an additional 120-day comment period. The sections of the ISR that are currently complete have been posted on the project website and were filed with FERC on 3 February 2014. To avoid confusion with the final ISR to be filed with FERC on 3 June 2014, the proponent has titled the incomplete ISR a "Draft ISR". It is important for stakeholders to recognize that these posted sections of the ISR are complete and ready for review, although no formal FERC comment period is currently open.</p> <p>Proponent is currently prioritizing critical activities for 2014 and plans to meet with state, federal and other stakeholders to prioritize activities for 2014.</p> <p>Proponent is working diligently to resolve</p>	<p>EPA, COE and USDA-RUS are Cooperating Agencies on the FERC EIS.</p>	<p>Governor provided base budget of \$20 MM for FY15 as a planning tool and indicated the legislature has the discretion to propose a modification to the project budget. Proponent is currently working with legislature to secure increased funding. Land agreement is under development.</p>
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	land issues and hopes to have a resolution soon. New dates: Feb 2016: Updated Study Report (USR) Dec 2016: License application		

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Project Title: Shell OCS Beaufort Sea

Lead Federal Agency: BOEM

Responsible Person: (1) State Lead: Sara Longan, (2) DEC Lead: Gary Mendivil, (3) EPA Leads: Hanh Shaw and Erin Seyfried (WW), (4) Natasha Greaves (Air)

<p>Drilled top hole for Sivulliq well during fall, 2012; first of its new wells in the Beaufort Sea OCS.</p> <p>Shell suspended plans to drill in 2014.</p>	<p>Shell scaled back its drilling operations in the summer of 2012 due to a containment system failure. Shell drilled shallower, top-holes. Shell suspended plans to drill in 2013 and does not have any plans for exploratory drilling in the Beaufort Sea in 2014.</p>	<p>Environmental groups filed suit against BSEE's approval of Shell's OSR 7/9/12. A U.S District court judge upheld BSEE's OSR approval 8/5/13.</p> <p>NPDES permits for Beaufort Sea oil and gas discharges issued in fall of 2012.</p> <p>Shell voluntarily withdrew Arctic OCS air permits from EPA on November 9, 2013.</p>	
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Project Title: Shell OCS Chukchi Sea

Lead Federal Agency: BOEM/BSEE

Responsible Person: (1) State Lead: Sara Longan, (2) DEC Lead: Gary Mendivil, (3) EPA Leads: Hanh Shaw and Erin Seyfried (WW), (4) Natasha Greaves (Air)

<p>Shell's revised Exploration Plan for 2012 drilling in the Chukchi Sea was submitted to BOEM in October 2011. Released for 21-day public comment period on EA along with Oil Discharge Prevention and Contingency Plan (ODPCP) in November. BOEM Conditionally Approved Shell's 2012 Exploration Plan for the Chukchi Sea, but placed additional conditions that shorten the time period for exploration and place additional restrictions on Shell's Incidental Take Authorizations.</p> <p>Shell scaled back drilling operations during the summer of 2012 due to a containment system failure. Shell drilled shallower, top-holes.</p> <p>Shell has suspended plans to drill in 2014.</p>	<p>Shell suspended plans for drilling in the summer of 2013. On Nov. 6, 2013 Shell submitted revised Chukchi Sea Exploration Plan to BOEM. BOEM requested additional information. Once "deemed submitted" BOEM has 30 days to make decision and conduct analysis.</p>	<p>NPDES Permit for Chukchi Sea oil and gas discharges issued in fall of 2012. EPA has reviewed Shell's preliminary Environmental Monitoring Program plan and anticipates receiving Notices of Intent requesting permit coverage at the Burger lease blocks.</p> <p>Shell voluntarily withdrew Arctic OCS air permits from EPA on November 6, 2013.</p> <p>EPA terminated the Shell Chukchi Air Permit on Dec. 26, 2013.</p> <p>EPA has declined cooperating agency status on the BOEM revised Shell Exploration Plan Environmental Assessment.</p>	<p>The State has agreed to be a Cooperating Agency for the review of the Revised EP.</p>
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Project Title: Cook Inlet General Permits

Lead Federal Agency: EPA (federal waters) and State of Alaska (state waters)

Responsible Person: (1) State Leads: Sara Longan, (2) Sara Taylor, (3) Patricia Bettis (Escopeta), (4) DEC Lead: Gary Mendivil, (5) EPA Lead: Cindi Godsey (WW), (6) Corps Lead: TBD

OCS Exploration General Permits for State and Federal Waters (Permit No. AKG-31-5000), issued in 2007, expired 7/12, extended administratively. Authority for oil and gas permitting in Cook Inlet state waters transferred to ADEC in 2012.	Draft ADEC and EPA GP for O&G Exploration comment period closed May 2013, currently on 2014 schedule. 5-year general permits for discharge into Cook Inlet from exploration activities (ADEC for state waters, EPA for federal waters) currently planned for final issuance in 2014; will replace applicable components of the expired permit(s).	EPA process running concurrently with the ADEC process for issuance of the exploration general permits. EPA and ADEC currently working on responding to public comments and revising the documents. EPA and ADEC visited four Native villages in August 2013 to discuss tribal concerns. EPA expects to issue the final general permit in 2014.	
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Project Title: Beaufort and Chukchi Sea Geotechnical GP

Lead Federal Agency: EPA

Lead State Agency: DEC

Responsible Person: (1) State Lead: Sara Longan (2) DEC Leads: Wade Strickland, Chris Foley, Gary Mendivil, (5) EPA Lead: Erin Seyfried

<p>EPA NPDES General Permit for Geotechnical Surveying and Related Activities in Federal Waters of the Chukchi and Beaufort Seas (Permit No. AKG-28-4300).</p> <p>ADEC is developing a similar general permit for geotechnical facilities in state waters (Permit No. AKG283100).</p>	<p>Joint EPA/ADEC public comment period closed on February 19, 2014.</p>	<p>EPA determined after the close of the comment period to delay the issuance of the final permit to request clarification and additional information from commenters. Information gathered during this process will be used to inform the agency's decisions, such as potential changes to the permit and whether or not the changes would require a re-noticing of the permit. EPA is working towards a new final issuance date in December 2014 or January 2015.</p>	
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Project Title: Apache 3-D Seismic

Lead Federal Agency: FWS

Responsible Person: (1) State Lead: Sara Taylor, (2) DEC Lead: Gary Mendivil, (3) FWS Lead: Andy Loranger, (4) NMFS Lead: Brad Smith, (5) Corps Lead: TBD

<p>Advanced 3D seismic imaging of lease holdings in the Cook Inlet area, including offshore state leases and CIRI subsurface inholdings in the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge (KNWR).</p> <p>Special Use Permit issued for work in KNWR in mid-July 2013. Permit is good until 2016 with option to renew for two additional years.</p> <p>Survey set to commence Feb 2014 and run through April 2014 on Tyonek Native Corporation lands within the refuge and offshore to the north. Initial planned area for seismic survey has been scaled down to target areas with high potential.</p>	<p>Environmental Assessment regarding a proposed five-year special use permit to authorize seismic operations on certain Refuge lands; final EA issued and FONSI signed July 2013, followed by Special Use Permit. Amended FONSI and Supplemental EA in development to cover expected project changes.</p> <p>Compatibility Determination for activities on Tyonek lands within the Refuge related to marine support issued April 11, 2013. Work to be governed by Special Use Permit, with some exceptions.</p> <p>Section 106 consultation finalized.</p>	<p>IHA 1 issued 4/30/12 in litigation over Biological Opinion; on appeal to Ninth Circuit. IHA 2 for 3/1/13 to 3/1/14 issued February 2013. IHA 3 for 3/1/14 to 3/1/15 issued March 2014.</p> <p>Four NW6 permits issued (one each in Aug, Sept, Oct, 2012, and one for NW peninsula shoreline in May 2013). Work on KNWR is non-notifying; Apache applied for permit or "official OK" anyway, letter from FWS HistPres/Arch sent to ACOE early June 2013.</p> <p>Two Section 10 permits issued (one each in May, Oct 2012); one outstanding application submitted 10/16/12 for waters north of the peninsula.</p>	<p>Division of Oil & Gas geophysical land use permit issued 9/29/11.</p> <p>Division of Parks & Outdoor Rec land use permit issued 9/1/12. Capt Cook State Rec Area (CCSRA) and Kenai River Special Mgmt Area (KRSMA) applications submitted 12/4/12. CCSRA permit issued in April; KRSMA permit decision delayed at Apache's request, may require exception from Commissioner. Permits will be one-year with option to renew barring any significant changes.</p> <p>No TWUPs needed for seismic operation.</p>
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Project Title: AIDEA Alaska Interior Energy Plan – FBX LNG

Lead Federal Agency:

Responsible Person: (1) State Lead: Sara Longan, (2) DEC Lead: Gary Mendivil, (3) Corps Lead: Fairbanks Field Office, (4) EPA Lead: Gayle Martin

<p>Natural gas will be liquefied on the North Slope and trucked to Interior Alaska. Primary LNG demand anticipated to be FBX and North Pole. LNG will be temporarily stored and re-gasified in Interior Alaska. LNG will be delivered to market via trucking and distributed to consumers through an expanded pipe distribution system.</p> <p>http://www.aidea.org/</p>	<p>Target: first gas by 4Q 2015/ 1Q 2016</p>	<p>Pre-application meeting among local, state, and federal agencies held August 20, 2013. EPA did not participate in this meeting.</p> <p>Corps' Public Notices for the LNG pad at Prudhoe, and the regassification pad at Fairbanks ran during Nov – Dec 2013.</p> <p>To address agency concerns on location of pad at Prudhoe, an alternate location was proposed by the applicant. The Corps ran a revised public notice on the new pad location at Prudhoe, with comments due on February 18, 2014.</p>	<p>AIDEA feasibility report to Governor, evaluation of proposals March 2013</p> <p>AIDEA form fin package offering Feb – July 2013</p> <p>AIDEA participate and lead in P3 finance negotiations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -North Slope LNG project -Trucking Contracts -Gas Storage project -FBX Distribution build out <p>Engineering Analysis, technology review, underwriting Feb – July 2013</p> <p>AIDEA submitted its Prevention of Significant Deterioration permit on January 31; a completeness review is underway.</p> <p>State Pipeline Coordinator's Office is scoping the North Slope right-of-way issues.</p> <p>The DMLW, Northern Region Office recently extended the comment period for the Land Use Permit, with comments due February 24, 2014.</p>
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Project Title: NMFS/BOEM Effects of Oil and Gas Activities in the Arctic Ocean EIS

Lead Federal Agency:

Responsible Person: (1) State Lead: Sara Longan, (2) DEC Lead: Gary Mendivil, (3) EPA Lead: Jennifer Curtis (NEPA)

<p>On March 21, 2013, NOAA and the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) announced the release of the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Effects of Oil and Gas Activities in the Arctic Ocean, which analyzes how a broad range of potential offshore oil and gas activities in the Arctic could affect marine mammals, other resources, and Alaska Native communities.</p> <p>NOAA and BOEM's new analysis follows comments received from stakeholders after release of the initial draft EIS issued in December 2011. The original draft analyzed up to two exploratory drilling programs per year in both the Chukchi and Beaufort seas. The supplemental draft EIS analyzes the effects of up to four drilling programs per year in each area--providing an opportunity to assess potential individual and cumulative impacts.</p> <p>http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/eis/arctic.htm</p>	<p>Draft Supplemental EIS public comment period closed June 27, 2013.</p> <p>NMFS is currently drafting preliminary FEIS for agency review in Feb 2014.</p>	<p>Earlier this year EPA responded to an Earthjustice FOIA involving the NMFS Arctic Draft SEIS.</p>	<p>State of Alaska submitted comments questioning the agency's NEPA process, since the State was not consulted during the two EIS processes.</p> <p>NMFS recently agreed to share the preliminary draft final EIS with the State before it is released for public review.</p>
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Project Title: Alpine Satellites Development Great Moose's Tooth -1 (GMT-1) Supplemental EIS

Lead Federal Agency: BLM

Responsible Person: (1) State Lead: Jeff Bruno, (2) EPA Leads: Jennifer Curtis (NEPA), (3) Gayle Martin (404), (4) Corps Lead: Hank Baij, (5) DEC Lead: Gary Mendivil

<p>In NPR-A: Up to 33 wells, production and injection with 7.8 mile road to connect to CD-5, pipe to connect to CD-1. BLM preparing a supplemental EIS. The State is a cooperating agency and ConocoPhillips signed into an MOU with OPMP. NOI was published Aug 2013.</p> <p>EPA, COE, NSB, FWS, State and Native Village of Nuiqsut are cooperating agencies. The Native Village of Nuiqsut is also engaged in government to government consultations with BLM on this project.</p>	<p>Notice of Availability of DSEIS – Feb 21, 2014</p> <p>PFEIS to cooperators in mid-July</p> <p>FSEIS – mid-September</p> <p>ROD – end of October</p>	<p>BLM has ROW authorizations.</p> <p>EPA is participating in regular meetings for EIS and AQ MOU.</p> <p>BLM published a Notice of Availability for the Final SEIS on February 21, 2014, initiating a 60-day review period. EPA and other cooperators submitted comments. EPA rated the EIS EC-2 and made recommendations regarding the air quality and wetlands functional assessments. BLM is evaluating a seasonal roadless alternative and is responding to comments.</p>	<p>Permits needed: TWUPS, DEC temp. drilling waste storage, DOG POO amendment, potentially some Title 16, AOGCC authorizations.</p>
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Project Title: Nuiqsut Spur Road

Lead Federal Agency: COE

Responsible Person: (1) EPA: Gayle Martin (404), (2) Corps: Hank Baij

A spur road to connect the Village of Nuiqsut with the road currently under development near CD-5.	Complete decision document week of March 10, 2014. Permit conditions include a dust abatement plan, stewardship plan and conservation easement.	EPA issued 3(a) and 3(b) letters but did not elevate. EPA is working with the Corps on policy-level issues identified through this and other North Slope projects.	
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Project Title: Foothills West Access Project EIS (Road to Umiat)/LINC Umiat Development

Lead Federal Agency: COE

Responsible Person: (1) State Lead: Sara Longan, (2) DEC Lead: Gary Mendivil, (3) EPA Leads: Gayle Martin (404), (4) Jennifer Curtis (NEPA), (5) Corps Lead: Melissa Riordan, (6) Alaska DOT Lead: Ryan Anderson

<p>Alaska DOT was applying to build the road from the Dalton Highway to Umiat, in the foothills of the Brooks Range, in order to open the area for resource (oil and gas) extraction. Corps of Engineers is in the scoping stage of the EIS development.</p> <p>AECOM, the consultant on the EIS developed six alternatives and after review and screening, will carry forward the following three alternatives in the NEPA impact assessment process: (1) Galbraith Alternative (applicant's proposed action), (2) Pump Station 2 Alternative, and (3) Meltwater Route Alternative.</p> <p>LINC is applying to build a road and pipeline to Umiat, in the foothills of the Brooks Range.</p> <p>Permit and pre-permitting phase: LINC has been conducting environmental baseline studies to prepare for permitting.</p> <p>http://www.foothillswesteis.com</p>	<p>An EIS scoping report was issued in February 2012 and the draft EIS was anticipated for Fall 2013.</p> <p>In July 2013, ADOT retracted 404 permit, placing it on hold to be resurrected in the future if industry is not successful in building a road to Umiat.</p> <p>LINC may plan another year of exploration before resuming permitting effort. COE may shortly issue PN that permitting is on hold.</p>	<p>Federal permits required:</p> <p>Corps: Section 404 wetlands, Section 106 Historical, Section 10 Rivers</p> <p>EPA: Section 404 permit review</p> <p>USFWS: Section 7 ESA</p> <p>USCG: Permit for bridge over navigable waters</p> <p>The Corps issued an email in December 2013, indicating that they have suspended work on this project and have closed the EIS file.</p>	<p>State permits required:</p> <p>DNR: Material site authorizations, SHPO permit, Right of Way (ROW) permit, Water use permit, material sales and field study authorizations</p> <p>DEC: APDES wastewater permit plus DEC has an interest in cleanup of existing Dept. of Defense contaminated sites.</p> <p>ADF&G: Fish habitat and fish passage</p> <p>DNR OPMP is a cooperating agency.</p> <p>ADEC's Spill Prevention & Response Division conducted a site inspection and oil spill exercise at Umiat on Feb 3, 2014.</p>
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